

business as is carried on here seemed to have been entirely suspended, and both tradesmen and private residents vied with one another to-day in putting the finishing touches to the decoration of the premises and residences.

These had scarcely been completed ere it was time to commence lighting up the thousands of lamps and lanterns which formed a striking feature of the scheme of embellishment.

At the palace itself there were no idle frolics to-day. From the Duchess down to her small Sudanese page, picked up at Cairo when the Duke and Duchess were on their honeymoon, all were active completing the elaborate arrangements, which were designed with infinite care some months ago.

Duke Inspects the Horses.

The Duke found occupation for the most part in the stables, where the carriages in which the guests were to-night driven through the streets of Woodstock to the palace were inspected and the horses put through their paces. Each pair in its turn was brought out and driven, harnessed to a heavy drag, through the park to the railway station. In order to accustom the mettlesome animals to the fluttering flags and banners, and to insure, as far as possible, immunity from accident.

Later in the evening the Marquis of Londonderry, who arrived on Saturday, was able to afford his younger companion the benefit of his advice and counsel, drawn from the rich store of his own experience of more or less similar functions.

Pleased with the Decorations.

The Duke of Marlborough rode around the town twice, first on a park back and afterward on a bicycle. He expressed himself as more than pleased with the decorations, which were then for the first time seen in their completed state.

His Grace had indeed every reason to feel proud of the efforts which his regality had put forward to second those exerted by himself. It was, however, only at night, when darkness had closed upon the scene, that the full effect of the decorations could be appreciated. The scheme was designed as an after-dark effect, and it is seldom that one has worked out so effectively.

The Great Western Railway officials had exerted themselves to decorate their station. The platform at which the royal train, which arrived promptly on time, at 6:40 o'clock, pulled up, was carpeted with crimson cloth, picked out with fleur de lis in black, while the walls were hung with crimson damask, relieved with amber fringes in festoons.

Under the direction of the head gardener of the Blenheim estate, a variety of palms and chrysanthemums had been tastefully dotted about, and the general effect was particularly pleasing.

The Royal Party Starts.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with Princess Victoria, were joined Paddington station of the Metropolitan terminus of the Great Western system by the Prince and Princess Charles, of Denmark, Major-General Ellis and Lady Emily Kingscote being in attendance. The other members of the Blenheim house party also travelled in a special train, composed of the royal saloon and two special saloons for other guests, with a composite carriage for the accommodation of their servants.

The run on the main line to Kidlington was accomplished without a stoppage, and the wait there was only sufficient to enable a change of engines to be made.

The Duke of Marlborough received his guests as they alighted from their train, and subsequently escorted the Princess of Wales to the carriage in which she was to be driven to the palace. Her Royal Highness, who appears to have solved the problem of perpetual youth, presented a charming appearance in a long black velvet jacket, which reached to the ground. It was slashed across the front with gold passementerie and trimmed with sable fur.

Her Royal Highness carried a muff of similar material, and wore a toque of petunia velvet and sable fur.

Driven in Postillion Fashion.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Victoria and the Duke of Marlborough rode in the first carriage, which was drawn by a pair of handsome bays, driven postillion fashion.

In the second carriage, a spring landau, were the Prince and Princess Charles, Major-General Ellis and Lady Emily Kingscote. The third carriage contained the Marchioness of Londonderry, Lady Helen Stuart, Viscountess Curzon and Lady Randolph Churchill.

Lord and Lady Gosford and Sir Samuel

and Lady Sophie Scott drove in the fourth carriage, and in the fifth were the Right Hon. George Nathaniel Curzon, M. P., and Mrs. Curzon and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Grenfell.

The remaining members of the party, Viscount Curzon, Right Hon. Arthur Balfour, M. P., Right Hon. Henry Chaplin, M. P., the Hon. Sidney Greville and the Earl of Chesterfield, followed in an omnibus.

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A Guard of Frémen.

Members of the Woodstock Fire Brigade, in uniform, formed a guard of honor outside the railway station. The cavalcade proceeded through High street, which leads directly to the gates of Blenheim Park, at a walking pace. The thoroughfare was crowded with spectators, who accorded the royal visitors a most hearty and enthusiastic welcome. All along the route they were cheered, and the entire proceedings were marked by the utmost cordiality.

On emerging from the railway company's premises the cavalcade passed beneath an elaborate archway of evergreens and trophies, the lines of which were picked out with gas jets, colored fairy lamps, and Chinese lanterns.

From this point onward the roadway was festooned with lights hung from Venetian masts, which were draped with flags and banners.

Conspicuous among the private residences and places of business in the matter of decoration was the house, formerly an inn, where Cromwell stayed during the attack on the old palace of Blenheim. It is now the private residence of the Town Clerk of Woodstock.

In the Market Place the decorations were remarkably profuse and effective, and near the ancient parish church of St. Mary Magdalene, whose very beautiful peal of bells rang out merry chimes, there was another triumphal arch.

Over the entrance to the park there rose another arch, profusely festooned with greenery, flowers and colored lights, while the drive through the park was illuminated with electric lights.

Received by the Duchess.

At the palace, the royal and other guests were received by the Duchess in the grand saloon, where tea was served.

The scene in the state apartments, where the royal party assembled before dinner, was brilliant beyond description. Herr Gott-

lieb's Viennese orchestra was stationed on a draped crescent-shaped platform erected in the long library in front of the grand organ, which is said to be the finest and most perfect private instrument in the world. Mr. C. W. Perkins, organist to the city of Birmingham, presided at the organ.

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OUR ENTANGLEMENTS

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cases of filibustering, each sure to form a basis for a large claim for indemnity. The list is prepared chronologically, and begins its statement of neutrality violations with the month of May, 1895. Prior to that time it is alleged three vessels, the Amadis, the Lagonda and the Baracca, took arms, ammunition and men to Cuba. There were attempted proceedings but no result.

The first important expedition is stated to have started from Wilmington, Del., in September, 1895, and was taken out into the Delaware River on a tug belonging to the Wilmington Tug Company. The expedition was engineered by Colonel Emile

Nunes and Gonzalo de Quesada. The men and arms were to have been landed on the Laurada, but owing to some accident to her machinery, she did not get away.

No proceedings were instituted against the leaders, but the men under arms were prosecuted. They were acquitted, however, and the arms returned to them.

On August 28, 1895, an important seizure of arms was made at Cedar Key by the Collector of Customs. There were captured 200,000 rounds of ammunition, 25,000 rounds of a different ammunition, 150 rifles, 108 machetes and a quantity of provisions.

On October 9 the goods were attached by the United States Marshal, but the attachment was dismissed, the goods taken away by the ship's company, and afterward, in the steamship "Three Friends," ultimately arriving in Cuba, according to the Spanish Minister's statement.

The George W. Childs carried an expedition, De Lome alleges, on May 21, 1895, consisting of forty-seven men with arms and 80,000 rounds of ammunition. On June 30 the Childs attempted to land men thirteen miles northeast of Luercia Light, in Cuba, but did not succeed. On July 2 a landing was made at Salt Key, and the Childs steamed for Key West. On attempting to leave Key West for New York the boat was boarded by a detail from the United States revenue cutter McLean. A fine of \$1,000 was imposed, but never collected.

September, 1895, was a busy month for filibusters, and a number of expeditions are reported to have started from various parts of the coast. The Larik, on September 17, attempted to leave Key West under command of Augustine Cerranier, who had thirty-four Cubans with him. The men were arrested, and a bond of \$50 was required for each man. They were afterward released, and it is stated, eventually reached Cuba. The barkentine Antoinette prepared to leave Key West September 29, 1895, with Dr. Arquis and seven other Cubans. They were arrested, but later were acquitted and the arms returned.

Famous Commodore Expedition. The Commodore had been prominently in the chronicles of filibustering deeds. In October, 1895, he became an object of suspicion to the Spanish spies and when he went to Wilmington, North Carolina, a cargo of arms and ammunition was shipped from Providence, R. I., to Wilmington, the express charges alone amounting to \$842. The cargo was cleared as maling implements and machinery. Strange men began to appear in Wilmington at the same time, and every evening was ripe for a quick start for Cuba, when proceedings were instituted against the vessel.

The cases marked "hardware" and "milling implements" in the cargo were found to contain arms and ammunition, including a rapid fire gun of improved pattern. When the case was tried the libel was dismissed as it could not be shown that hostilities with Cuba were intended.

Last Spring the "Commodore" again became engaged in carrying men and arms to Cuba, and took in expedition from Charleston, though having only a coastwise license. She returned to Charleston without a cargo, and the statement was made in explanation that the boat having sprung a leak the cargo was thrown over-

board. Again, in June, 1896, the "Commodore" left Charleston with a Cuban expedition aboard and turned up in Tampa, her captain explaining that she had sprung a leak again. In neither case was any attempt made to explain the absence of the men who started off on the trip. In last July the "Commodore" is reported to have made another trip from Charleston with men and arms and surf boats.

In January, 1896, the captain of the Laurada, one Hughes, was indicted in the District Court for the Eastern District of South Carolina, the indictment alleging that the Laurada had formed part of and provided the means for a military expedition against Cuba, and had herself committed hostilities against the island of Cuba, in landing from her decks in boats an armed body of men to make war upon the Spanish authority in Cuba. Hughes, the captain, was acquitted, and no proceedings have been taken against the Laurada for that expedition or against the owners of vessels co-operating with her. The steam-er soon took out several expeditions during and after February, 1896. It is alleged, but no proceedings against the vessel were ever begun.

The Horra and Three Friends. The steamer Horra is alleged to have taken out a military expedition in February, 1896, and the Captain, J. H. S. Wilburg, was indicted, tried and convicted in Pennsylvania.

The allegations of filibustering against the Three Friends are practically numberless. May 13 and June 17, 1896, she is stated to have carried men and arms to Cuba, and is alleged to have received the business until libeled and placed under bond in Jacksonville.

There are many cases also against the Laurada, dating from her first failure to get away from Philadelphia in May, 1895. The Delle left Key West March 25, 1896, with men, arms and ammunition, which were deposited on Salt Key and afterward found by an English gunboat.

The case of the barkentine Competitor has become famous on account of her ill-fated expedition. She left Key West with Monzon Laborde and twenty-five other Cubans, with arms and ammunition, on April 23, 1896, and made a landing at Beach Benaces, Vuelta Abajo, where a part of the expedition was captured by the Spanish gunboat Menajeta on April 28.

The Bermuda is alleged to have carried several important expeditions to Cuba, and is believed by the Spanish Minister to be still in the business as a filibuster. Spain's claim for damages on account of filibustering expeditions from these shores will be prepared by Cameron Carlisle, of this city, the legal adviser of the Spanish Legation. Mr. Carlisle has already prepared a formidable brief of 200 printed pages, in which he has included a chapter on filibustering expeditions from the United States.

ARMY IN GOOD CONDITION.

Inspector-General Breckinridge Speaks Highly of Men and Discipline.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The report of General J. C. Breckinridge, Inspector-General of the Army of the United States, made public to-day, speaks highly of the army as being in as good condition in respect to instruction, discipline, equipment and supplies as ever before in its history.

Considerable attention, he says, has been given to minor tactics and training in the field, which under the present short service term have become more pressing. He states that the army is in the best of preparation in the quality of the young men entering the army has not abated in the least.

WEYLER IS IN HAVANA.

Return of the Captain-General Causes Much Comment in the City. No Explanation.

Havana, Nov. 23.—Captain-General Weyler arrived here this evening from the province of Pinar del Rio.

His return has caused much comment, but as yet it is impossible to learn the true reason for his leaving his command and returning to the capital.

The military authorities will vouchsafe no information on the subject.

TOWN TERRORIZED.

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ture on the outskirts of the town. There was not a light burning in any of the windows, but an immense lantern, like the headlight of a locomotive, burning on the porch, threw a ghastly glare into the darkness. Mrs. Hemmenway keeps this lantern burning from sunset to sunrise, as a warning to keep people from coming near her dwelling.

Mrs. Hemmenway was not home, so the reporter waited down to Mr. Young's house to hear what little Grace Young had to say about the whipping incident. On ringing the bell he heard voices within speaking in cautious tones.

"Oh, don't open the door; it's Mrs. Hemmenway, and she'll kill us," said one voice. "I'm so frightened. What shall we do?" said another.

It was evident that the people within believed that their dreaded neighbor was outside ringing for admittance. When they discovered their error the door was opened. Grace Young said that it was true that Mrs. Hemmenway had struck her with a whip, but that it was not severe. She seemed loth to speak of the occurrence.

Visits to other houses in Clifton showed that every one was in a highly nervous state about the much dreaded woman. Every house seemed to be in a state of siege. Bells had to be drawn before the doors could be opened, and when the inmates made their appearance there was a frightened look on their faces. It was the universal opinion that something should be done to relieve them from their terror, but none would make any direct statements about Mrs. Hemmenway's conduct.

From this part of the town to the railroad station the road runs through a wide stretch of open land. On its most deserted part the reporter encountered a female figure moving along with stealthy tread and closely followed by a great shaggy dog. The figure was enveloped in a cloak. To the question, "Is this Mrs. Hemmenway?" the woman muttered an indistinct response and moved swiftly away in the darkness. It was Mrs. Hemmenway.

DAVID HENDERSON MARRIES.

This Time the Manager's Wife Is Miss Frankie Raymond.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—David Henderson, late manager of the Chicago Opera House, was married last Saturday. It is said, to Miss Frankie Raymond, who was for several seasons a member of the Henderson Burlesque Company.

Mr. Henderson recently obtained a divorce from Grace Henderson, the actress, who was his second wife.

MISS UTTER WAS SADLY TRICKED.

All of Branchville Aroused Over the Defeat of Its Favorite.

Her Rifle Spoiled by Fulminating Cartridges on the Eve of a Match.

They Were the Present of the Man Who Conducted the Contest.

SHOT WITH HER RIVAL'S GUN.

Pluckily Tried to Win in the Face of Odds, but Was Defeated by a Man Whom She Wants to Meet Again.

Miss Anna Utter, of Branchville, N. J., practised with her rifle from dawn until night, Sunday, and went to sleep exhausted with her efforts to perfect her marksmanship, but when she tried to repeat her experiments yesterday morning they failed.

Miss Utter held the bore of her rifle to the flame of her lamp and saw that its interior was loaded. Then she knew that she should have refused the present of a box of cartridges which was made to her Saturday night by Dr. Hallock Wells, with the explanation that they were the cartridges which her rivals in Sussex County's great shooting match, last evening, were to use, for they were fulminate cartridges, that ruin any rifle in an hour.

"It's a put up job," said Corlis A. Utter, her father, "for they know that you could beat them."

The daughter replied: "I know I could beat them, but I don't distrust Dr. Hallock Wells. He is too friendly to us to have plotted with them." Then her father advised her to shoot at the match anyway, and even with her rivals' rifles. In the town near the station where the marksmen loitered and in the hotel, Miss Utter's misadventures were talked of in whispers, at first, and then with angry expressions. One would have thought that the issue was one upon which the fate of the nation depended. Dr. Hallock Wells came in person to exercise his influence in countering all evil rumors. He said:

"I did not give the 'double B' cartridges to Miss Utter on anybody's advice. I could not find any others in town."

Dr. Hallock Wells is a travelling salesman for patent medicine companies. He has a troupe of four men who dance, sing, break stones with their fists and on one another's backs. They give exhibitions for an admission of 10 cents. Dr. Wells in the intermissions sells his patented bottles. Miss Utter's fame as a marksman reached him a month ago, but it took him some time to arrange the preliminaries of the match which was to make the town's enthusiasm ardent at the opera house last night. Her opponents were men. Last night, however, she was alone. The men of the Lafayette and McAvoy Vill she was in street dress, a little awkward in her stance, but she took, without a tremor, her rival's rifle and split the edges of cards, snuffed candles, broke into fragments small peppermint lozenges and bit cutlets against a block of hickory.

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